

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 32 public bill, H.R. 3106–3137; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 285–286 and H. Res 372–373, were introduced.

**Pages H8380–81**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8381–83**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1813, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture (H. Rept. 108–261, Pt. 2);

H.R. 2572, to authorize appropriations for the benefit of Amtrak for fiscal years 2004 through 2006 (H. Rept. 108–274);

H.R. 3038, to make certain technical and conforming amendments to correct the Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2002 (H. Rept. 108–275); and

H.R. 3034, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry, amended (H. Rept. 108–276). **Page H8380**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8287**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Hospital Mortgage Insurance Act of 2003:** H.R. 659, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals; **Pages H8290–92**

**Korean War Veterans Recognition Act of 2003:** H.R. 292, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed; **Pages H8292–93**

**Extending the Immigrant Religious Worker Program:** H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program; and **Pages H8293–95**

**Internet Tax and Nondiscrimination Act:** H.R. 49, to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act. **Pages H8295–H8301**

**Charitable Giving Act of 2003:** The House passed H.R. 7, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for charitable contribu-

tions by individuals and businesses by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 508.

**Pages H8301–56**

Rejected the Neal of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 507. **Pages H8345–55**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means and printed in the bill, as modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–273 was adopted as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H8356**

Rejected:

Cardin amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in part B of H. Rept 108–273, that includes all the provisions in the bill and also increases funding for the Social Security Block Grant by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 506.

**Pages H8326–45**

H. Res. 370, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Page H8345**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House considered the Ryan of Ohio motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. Further consideration of the motion will resume on September 23. **Pages H8359–61**

**Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House considered the Stenholm motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. Further consideration of the motion will resume on September 23. **Pages H8361–66**

**National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House considered the Rodriguez motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. Further consideration of the motion will resume on September 23. **Pages H8366–69**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns tomorrow, September 18, it adjourn to meet at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, and further that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23 for morning hour debate. **Page H8369**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 24. **Page H8369**

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT; INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Select Education approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3076, Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act; and H.R. 3077, International Studies in Higher Education Act.

### **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 2731, Occupational Safety and Health Small Employer Access to Justice Act of 2003, Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the International Consumer Protection Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

### **SARBANES-OXLEY: ARE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MORE RELIABLE?**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Accounting under Sarbanes-Oxley: Are financial statements more reliable?" Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC; and William J. McDonough, Chairman, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

### **OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION—RECOMMENDATIONS—NATIONAL COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SERVICE**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing titled "Human Capital Planning: Exploring the National Commission on the Public Service's Recommendations for Reorganizing the Federal Government." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, National Commission on the Public Service.

### **NATIONAL SUPPLY REDUCTION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Implementation of National

Supply Reduction Strategy." Testimony was heard from Barry Crane, Deputy Director, Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

### **OVERSIGHT—SECURITY IN SOFTWARE**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held an oversight hearing titled "Exploring Common Criteria: Can It Ensure That the Federal Government Gets Needed Security in Software?" Testimony was heard from Edward A. Roback, Chief, Computer Security Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael G. Fleming, Chief, Information Assurance Solutions Group, Information Assurance Directorate, NSA; and Robert G. Gorrie, Deputy Director, Defense-wide Information Assurance Program; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS—MODERN OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on "Environmental Aspects of Modern Oil and Gas Development." Testimony was heard from Representative Vitter; Steve Kolian, Environmental Scientist, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE RECREATION FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forests Health held an oversight hearing on the Forest Service Recreation Fee Demonstration Program. Testimony was heard from Tom Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, USDA; Barry Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on National Small Business Week: Small Business Success Stories. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—NATION'S INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Contributions of Ports and Inland Waterways to the Nation's Intermodal Transportation System. Testimony was heard from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation; and the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary (Civil